# State of Alaska FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Corrections
White Bison Project
Component Budget Summary

## **Component: White Bison Project**

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## **Component Mission**

The mission of the White Bison program is to bring the message of sobriety and physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness to Native offenders within the State's correctional system.

## **Component Services Provided**

This Component funds programs and educational materials to develop treatment, prevention, recovery, and intervention strategies that lead to both sobriety and wellness at inmate substance abuse programs (ISAP)within the Department, inclusive of contract with Community Residential Centers (Halfway Houses).

## **Component Goals and Strategies**

The focal point of White Bison is the Wellbriety Movement. The Vision of White Bison is to bring Indian Communities into sobriety and wellness by the year 2010. In order to accomplish this the Wellbriety Movement was conceived over 10 years ago. The Wellbriety Movement is an effort to bring the message of sobriety and physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness to Native Communities. This message also encourages people to recover their ancient traditions, teachings, and ceremonies. With this message, White Bison also provides programs and resources to develop treatment, prevention, recovery, and intervention strategies that will lead to both sobriety and wellness.

The goal is to achieve a healthier environment in which positive energy, creativity, success, and value added performance are the outcomes whether for the individual, the team, organization, the family, or the community. Organization and individual wellness are the goals. Thus, there is an emphasis upon addressiing the truth, being honest with one's self and others, creating a vision of what is desired, and replacing negative (fear based) thoughts and values with those that promote cooperation, unity, and success.

#### **Key Component Issues for FY2002 – 2003**

The White Bison program will be used to address the public safety issues of substance abuse, primarily alcohol abuse, among Alaska Native offenders incarcerated in the correctional system. To ensure that all Native offenders are encouraged to recover their ancient traditions, teachings, and ceremonies that will promote treatment, prevention, recovery, and intervention strategies that lead to both sobriety and wellness.

#### **Major Component Accomplishments in 2001**

This is a new budget component. Accomplishments will be reported on future budget submissions.

## **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

No statutes and regulations.

# **White Bison Project**

# **Component Financial Summary**

All dollars in thousands

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	FY2001 Actuals	FY2002 Authorized	FY2003 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	0.0	50.0	50.0
74000 Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	0.0	50.0	50.0
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	50.0	50.0
Funding Totals	0.0	50.0	50.0

# **White Bison Project**

# **Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003**

No service changes.

# **Summary of Component Budget Changes**

## From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<b>General Funds</b>	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
FY2002 Authorized	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0
FY2003 Governor	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0